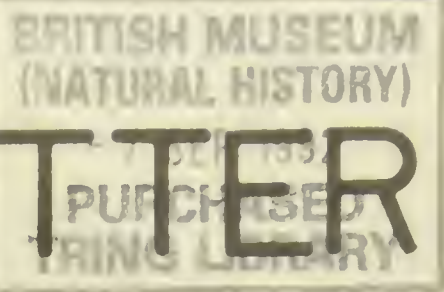




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Wilmington To Welcome CBC In Fall

The welcome mat is out in Wilmington, NC for the fall meeting of the Carolina Bird Club. Dates are September 25-27 with a motel reservation deadline of **September 11**.

The motel will be the Comfort Inn-Executive Center at 151 College Road (NC 132). The rate for up to four persons in a room is \$40.00 plus tax. Please use the reservation form provided or call toll free 1-800-221-2222. Reservations must be canceled no later than 6:00 p.m. on the date of arrival to avoid a charge of one night's lodging.

The motel has a complimentary continental breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m., and the Shoney's Restaurant next door opens at 6:00 a.m.

Registration for the meeting begins Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Comfort Inn with refreshments provided by the **Lower Cape Fear Bird Club**. A social hour with cash bar will also be



A Peregrine Falcon was one of the birds seen at the 1989 fall meeting in Wilmington.

held in the lobby from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Both the Friday and Saturday evening meetings will convene at the Roland Grice Middle School auditorium about a mile from the motel. On Friday night, in addition to the customary discussion of Saturday field trips and sign-up, Walker

Golder is going to give a very brief introduction to "The Audubon Coastal Islands Sanctuary." He will also be exhibiting his wildlife photography during the meeting.

The speaker Saturday evening will be the ever popular **Jim Parnell** of UNC-Wilmington. His topic will be "North Carolina Colonial Waterbird Management."

Saturday field trip destinations will include Carolina Beach State Park, NC Aquarium grounds and beach, Eagle Island Corps of Engineers impoundments, and anywhere else that's hot at that time. Directions (and perhaps a guide) for a sightseeing tour of Wilmington for non-birders will be available.

Don't forget to register with CBC headquarters at the same time you make motel reservations. It saves you money and is a great help to our hard working registration volunteers.

(Caution: sightings reported on the RBA are not necessarily verified, and publication in the newsletter does not substitute for review by the appropriate Bird Records Committee and publication in *The Chat*.)

Pelagic birding continued to be excellent in May with several trips reporting astounding numbers of birds and impressive species counts. Large numbers of Arctic Terns and Roseate Terns were encountered as well as normally "winter" pelagics such as Manx Shearwater, Black-legged Kittiwake, and Northern Fulmar. Skuas were reported from most trips. Certainly the highlights for the pelagic birders, however, had to be reports of Herald Petrels and Cape Verde Petrel from North Carolina waters in

Hotline Highlights

by Taylor Piephoff

May. Records in North America for these two species are very rare or nonexistent.

June was a relatively quiet month in the way of rarities, and overall very few reports were received. South Carolina can produce exciting pelagic birds as evidenced by a Brown Booby off Hilton Head. Roseate Spoonbills returned to South Carolina in June with up to two at the Savannah spoils site. Other June reports mostly detailed elusive breeders from the North Carolina mountains. Least, Alder

and Willow Flycatchers were at several locations. Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers were breeding near Murphy, NC.

Action picked up in mid-July as post breeding wanderers Reddish Egret and Wood Stork appeared (as usual) at Sunset Beach, NC. A Roseate Spoonbill made it as far as North Carolina, stopping briefly at Sunset Beach before moving up the coast to Wilmington. On schedule were reports of Curlew Sandpipers from the Outer Banks of NC; Upland Sandpipers from Greensboro, NC and Orangeburg, SC; and Lesser Golden Plover from the Outer Banks. A Common Ground Dove was seen at Sunset Beach for a now rare record in North Carolina, and a Black Billed Cuckoo evidently set up a territory in Charlotte, NC.

For The Record



The North Carolina Bird Records Committee of the Carolina Bird Club would like to review reports of all species that have been found in the state on fewer than ten occasions. Though the Committee does not keep tally of the number of records of each species on the list, I have a good feel for the approximate numbers of the rarer species, as I am "Briefs for the Files" editor of *The Chat* and Regional Editor for *American Birds*.

Below is a list of the species that have been reliably reported in North Carolina for which there are approximately fewer than 10 state records; extinct species are excluded. Species in brackets are on the Provisional List, for which there are only one or two accepted sight records, but no specimen or photograph for documentation. All others are on the Official List, with either a specimen or photo for documentation, or three or more accepted sight records. Of course, the Committee will want to review any species new to the state, or any species on the Unaccepted Sighting List (see the Summer 1990 *Chat*).

Pacific Loon
[Western Grebe]
[Black-browed Albatross]
[Soft-plumaged Petrel]
Herald Petrel
White-faced Storm-Petrel
Red-billed Tropicbird
Masked Booby
[Brown Booby]
Roseate Spoonbill
Mute Swan
Ross' Goose
[Garganey]
Cinnamon Teal
Masked Duck
Black-shouldered Kite

[Swainson's Hawk]
[Limpkin]
Northern Lapwing
Spotted Redshank
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Little Stint
Great Skua
Franklin's Gull
[Mew Gull]
Thayer's Gull
Sabine's Gull
Thick-billed Murre
[Band-tailed Pigeon]
White-winged Dove
Smooth-billed Ani
Burrowing Owl
Green Violet-ear
[Say's Phoebe]
Vermilion Flycatcher
[Ash-throated Flycatcher]
Tropical/Couch's Kingbird
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
[Cave Swallow]
Northern Wheatear
[Mountain Bluebird]
Sage Thrasher
Black-backed Wagtail
[Sprague's Pipit]
Northern Shrike
[Bell's Vireo]
Bachman's Warbler
[Black-throated Gray Warbler]
[Kirtland's Warbler]
Black-headed Grosbeak
Lark Bunting
Harris' Sparrow
Smith's Longspur
[Western Meadowlark]
Shiny Cowbird
Pine Grosbeak
[Lesser Goldfinch]

Anyone who sees any of the above species in North Carolina (or any species new to the state) should send details, preferably on a Rare Bird Sighting Report form, to me, the Committee chairman. Extra copies of the form can be obtained from Carolina Bird Club, PO Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611. Also, the Committee, as well as the N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences, would like to be notified if anyone has photographs, or knows of the whereabouts of photographs or specimens, of any of the species listed in brackets, so that those species can be upgraded from Provisional to Official.

I have been notified by Dave Lee at the State Museum that in addition to the species on the Provisional List, there are several species on the Official List that are still not documented by either photographs or specimens, at least as far as the Museum is aware. These species are Roseate Spoonbill, Northern Goshawk, and Pine Grosbeak. Please notify me or the Museum of information about specimens or photos of these three species.

An upcoming "For the Record" will list highly significant reports that have been made in North Carolina over the past ten or so years for which full descriptions have yet to be published. The Committee is still perhaps a year or two away from publishing the full state list in *The Chat*. At the present time, there are 397 species on the Official List, with about 18 more on the Provisional List, for a minimum of 415 species that have been accepted as occurring (in a wild state) in North Carolina. The Committee is not tallying species numbers for those judged to be in the Unaccepted Origin and Unaccepted Sighting categories. I would hope to reach the magic 400 mark for Official species before we publish the list! Also, there are still a handful of species for which the Committee has not clarified the acceptance category, such as Western Grebe and Townsend's Warbler. We don't want to publish a list with species' categories still unresolved. **Harry E. LeGrand, Jr., Chairman, N.C. Bird Records Committee.** Mailing address: N.C. Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Editor's Error

Credit for the article "Good Bird; Bad Judgment" was inadvertently omitted from the Summer issue of the Newsletter. It was copied from the June, 1992 issue of *The Goshawk*, the newsletter of The Genesee Ornithological Society, a section of The Rochester Academy of Science, Rochester, New York. Bob Marcotte, vice-president of the Society, had made a spring trip to North Carolina which included the Outer Banks as well as Chimney Rock Park. The Editor regrets this omission.

CBC Fall Field Trip

Bird Banding Demonstration II

Leaders: Evelyn Dabbs & Lex Glover

Sunday, October 4, 1992

Limit: 30 participants **Cost:** \$5

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Black River Swamp Banding State at the home of Tommy and Evelyn Dabbs near Sumter, SC. Bring a lunch. Morning snack and hot and cold drinks will be provided.

This will be a "hands-on" experience for participants to band and release birds. It is an excellent way to study the birds up close and in the hand, especially the fall plumaged warblers. This is also a great opportunity to photograph these birds.

We will expect to see warblers, thrushes, flycatchers, tanagers, sparrows, and orioles. A two year intensive fall banding study has yielded a total of 85 species banded at this site; with the largest concentration of birds moving through the area during the last week of September and

the first week of October.

Other areas of interest that are nearby are the Super Sod Farm outside of Orangeburg (should be good for migrating shorebirds-- Lesser Golden Plover, Buff-breasted and Upland Sandpipers to name a few) and Santee National Wildlife Refuge.

Directions: From Sumter head east on US 378 for twelve miles until you cross a series of three bridges. Get into left lane and turn left at the second median crossing after the third bridge into the lane by two mailboxes. Follow the lane about one mile to the only house in view.

Heading south on I-95 take Exit #135 and turn right on US 378. Go five miles to SC 527 and continue on US 378 for

one mile beyond intersection with SC 527. Turn right into lane by two mailboxes and continue as above.

Heading north on I-95 take Exit #132 and turn left on SC 527. Go four miles and turn left on US 378. Go for one mile and turn right into lane by two mailboxes. Continue as above.

Nearby accommodations are available at the Turbeville Comfort Inn (803) 659-8282 or Days Inn (803) 659-2175. Both are located at the intersection of I-95 and SC 378 (Exit #135).

Registration: Contact Evelyn Dabbs at (803) 495-8220 to reserve space. Send registration form with fee to CBC headquarters.

Deadline For International Trip Extended

Amazonian Ecuador: La Selva Lodge

Leaders: Merrill Lynch & Derb Carter

February 12-21, 1993

Limit: 14 Participants **Cost:** \$1,195 + airfare

Because of a quick response by eight enthusiastic birders the trip to Amazonian Ecuador is a go. However, six places remain, and the leaders have consented to extend the deadline to October 1, 1992. If you were tempted but couldn't make up your mind, you now have a second chance. See the Summer issue of the Newsletter for a complete description of the trip and make your move.

The leaders are Merrill Lynch and Derb Carter, long-time members of CBC, and experienced tropical birders. Their proposal was reviewed in detail by the CBC executive committee before receiving its endorsement.

Itinerary: Day 1--Flight from Raleigh-Durham Airport (or other cities in the Carolinas if more convenient) to Quito, Ecuador via the U.S. gateway, Miami. Night at the Hotel Embassy in Quito.

Day 2--After breakfast at our hotel we'll go to the airport where we will take a short commercial flight to Coca in the



Ecuador Oriente. Transfer to motorized dugout canoe for trip down Rio Napo to La Selva Lodge. Arrive at La Selva mid-afternoon. Next six nights at La Selva Lodge.

Day 3 to 7--La Selva area. Walk the extensive trail system and visit waterways and river islands by canoe.

Day 8--Leave early for motorized dugout canoe trip back upriver to Coca. Catch morning flight back to Quito arriving around noon. Afternoon free to

shop, sightsee around city. Night at Hotel Embassy.

Day 9--After breakfast at the hotel we'll depart by chartered bus to Otovalo, an Indian village in the Andes Mountains two hours north of Quito where we'll visit the world famous market. Shopping for handmade baskets, weavings, leather goods, and other items is highly encouraged. In the afternoon we'll stop by several natural lakes and visit other high elevation Andean habitats where we should add many new species to our list. Drive back to Quito by early evening for farewell dinner. Night at Hotel Embassy.

Day 10--Transfer to airport for an early morning flight back to Miami where we will go through customs and make flight connections back to the Carolinas.

Requirements: A current passport, valid beyond the date of your return is necessary for entry into Ecuador. Although the tour will not involve strenuous hiking, we will be spending
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most daylight hours walking and participants should be in good physical condition.

Cost: person, double occupancy. It includes all lodging, all food from dinner on Day 2 through breakfast on Day 8, one beverage of your choice per meal excluding

alcoholic beverages, the flight from Quito to Coca, all ground transportation, entrance fees, tips for baggage handling and meal service, and the guide services of the tour leaders. **Not included** are the roundtrip airfare to Quito (\$825 from RDU as of 4/92), airport taxes, visa fees, optional tips to local drivers, phone calls, laundry, or

other items of personal expense.

Registration: Contact Merrill Lynch at (919) 387-8757 (H), (919) 967-7007 (W) or Derb Carter (919) 833-4859 (H), (919) 967-1450 (W) for further information and to reserve space. A deposit of \$150 is required by October 1, 1992.

Reflections on the CBC Roanoke River Field Trip by Paula Wright

Thirty-three eager birders came to Roanoke Rapids on June 6, 1992 to participate in the CBC sponsored field trip led by **Merrill Lynch, Derb Carter and John Wright**. We were treated to a successful day of birding in some of the most beautiful areas in eastern North Carolina.

The day began early at our gathering place where groups were formed and birding areas were mapped out. All of the groups headed to an area of Northampton County called Occoneechee Neck--privately owned farm and woodland whose owners graciously allowed us to bird on their farms that day. (*Editor's note: see the January, 1992 issue of Wildlife in North Carolina for an article by Bland Simpson on the history and wildlife of "the Neck."*)

As my group made its way down the farm path in the morning fog, we were greeted by a skunk sauntering slowly into

the vegetation by the road. Deer quickened their pace as they moved into the woods. The Wood Ducks and Great Blue Heron announced our arrival as we parked by a farm pond and began walking down the path which led to the Roanoke River and the nesting area of the elusive Swainson's Warbler. Along the way our group found tracks of Wild Turkey, but we didn't see the turkeys. When we got to the bottomland forest habitat, a pair of Swainson's Warblers was quickly encountered. To our surprise they remained cooperative and visible to us until we grew tired of looking. We then moved on to search for the Cerulean Warbler. This search was not quite so successful--a single bird was heard but not seen by our group.

We joined the other two groups for lunch, and then together we all headed for Least Bittern habitat. Two bitterns were

flushed into view by some of our younger wading birders. This adventure was followed by our search for Mississippi Kites at Norfleet in southeastern Halifax County. Over thirty kites were seen flying together. We watched as some nearby caught dragonflies with their feet and ate them on the wing. This seemed like a great ending for a wonderful day of birding. But there was just a little more to see--a Henslow's Sparrow in an overgrown clearcut field in Martin County. This cooperative fellow was seen by all through spotting scopes at close range as it sang its off and seemingly insignificant little "tslick" song from a low perch. This birding trip was pleasant in every way--great birds, helpful leaders, good weather, beautiful areas, and the opportunity to be with Carolina Bird Club friends.

Pelagic Trip A Success by Ricky Davis

On July 25, 25 enthusiastic birders hopped on board the *Country Girl* for a day of offshore birding. The day started early--5:30 a.m. After a brief run down the waterway, we went through Oregon Inlet and headed out to sea. The weather forecast called for easterly winds and scattered thunderstorms, but we only got rained on a couple of times. The seas were a little rougher than expected going out, but it calmed down by mid-day, and we had a pleasant trip overall.

The big event of the day weatherwise was a good look at a waterspout not very far from the boat. Some people took more photos of that than any of the birds!

Our route included going southeast to the Diamond Shoals Light Tower and then

east out into the deeper water of the Gulf Stream. We then moved north for most of the day until we got to an area known as the Point. From there we headed back in towards Oregon Inlet.

As for the birds, Cory's Shearwaters (79) and Wilson's Storm-petrels (129) were encountered throughout the day. Scattered here and there were Audubon's Shearwaters (31) and even two Greater Shearwaters. Black-capped Petrels put in a good showing with 134 recorded out in their usual deep-water zone. Some of the less numerous birds seen were one Leach's and two Band-rumped Storm-petrels. As usual, they were not seen by all on board, although most got decent views of at least one Band-rumped. Eight Bridled Terns was

a good number and the three Pomarine Jaegers were not unexpected. What was a surprise though, was a South Polar Skua seen harassing Cory's and Audubon's Shearwaters. It is always a thrill to see one of these wanderers from the south.

With everyone on board getting good looks at almost all species, the trip was a very rewarding, successful outing for the club. In addition to the good birds we got great looks at a pod of Cuvier's Goose-beaked Whales. These 20 to 30 foot long whales are rarely seen on trips and proved to be a highlight of the day. As you can tell, you never know what to expect on a day offshore. We hope that this trip has sparked a new interest in the world of pelagic birding.

I feel like I just finished writing the last column, and now it's already time for another one. Our birding has been rather lax these past two months. One day the Brown-headed Cowbirds were no longer bothering our feeders; they were replaced by House Finches who are now eating the thistle seed like it's their final meal. We also have goldfinches, but not nearly as numerous as previous summers. And we still have only three hummers. Since our little pocket of land, 13 miles north of Raleigh, 10 miles northwest of Wake Forest, and 15 miles northeast of Durham, has been extremely dry, we expect to begin seeing desert birds any day now.

Meanwhile, we have had a couple of interesting visitors. I heard a Black-billed Cuckoo in the backyard but never saw it. Later a Yellow-billed showed up in the front yard, so perhaps I didn't hear its cousin after all. CJ was not home--he's my resident bird call identifier. One day we also had a Rufous-sided Towhee eating seed in the backyard. He came about three days in a row--the first time we have had a towhee feeding in the summer. We hear them often back in the woods all year but usually don't have them in the yard until winter.



One afternoon in late July I was sitting on the deck "taking a break" from yard work and a young Great-crested Flycatcher lit briefly about ten feet from where I sat. I have no idea what he was looking for--he landed among the seed we sprinkle on the deck edge for the Chipping Sparrows--but when he saw me, he tilted his head and took off. Later that same afternoon, I saw a new bird trying to balance on the clothesline outside the kitchen window. I called CJ and just about the same time I figured out it must be a female Hooded

Backyard Birding

with Frances J. Nelson

Warbler. Sure enough, it was. She flew over to the fence and did a few gymnastics in and out of the wire and then flew into the woods.

The next morning as I walked the big dog through the woods, a Green-backed Heron flew up from the creek. That evening he was on the pond but hasn't been back that we have seen.

Our regular feeders beside the usual House Finches, goldfinches, cardinal, chickadees, and titmice are a pair of Blue Grosbeaks with one immature one, and one Indigo Bunting. The bunting is in the same spot every morning where one sunbeam hits the backyard. I think he does that just so we can ooh and ah over his brilliance--we always do.

The only other news from our yard is that the summer suet (recipe in previous newsletter) has been a hit. I put a new "brick" out one day, and within an hour I saw a male and female Downy Woodpecker, male and female Red-bellied Woodpecker, a chickadee, and a titmouse eating from it. Since we have been using the summer suet, the birds have neglected the regular suet which is a kind that is supposed to be a year-round suet. It will be interesting to see what happens when winter gets here.

I finally got a report on Betty McIlwain's owls. On February 23, she and a friend spotted two white balls of fluff in a nest in her neighbor's pine--two young Great Horned Owls. They set up scopes and watched the goings and comings for the next six weeks. The nest was about 225 yards from her deck and on the same level, so they could sit and watch. She writes: "Not only us, but all birding friends, non-birders, friends of friends and total strangers came by and took a good look, sometimes leaving notes of the activity they had observed."

Betty kept a log and loved watching the change in size and color. After the young left the nest, they stayed nearby for two-three weeks venturing farther and farther. Several times a week when she hears

crows fussing, she'll walk in the woods and can usually find the owls. Besides the reward of watching all of the activity, a friend of a friend, a retired nature photographer, presented her with a wonderful 10 X 12 color photo of her owls.

Dave Abraham doesn't have owls, but he does have "More Mad Moments with Marvel Mix." He was bothered by a mockingbird taking over his small marvel mix feeder. The mocker kept the smaller birds away, so he attached a rubber band between the hangers, envisioning a mocker bungee jump. The jump didn't happen, but the rubber band caused the feeder to swing and turn, a characteristic the mocker seemed to dislike, so the little birds could then have a turn at the marvel mix.



One day he watched a young downy clinging to the onion bag filled with marvel mix. The bird would eat and rest, eat and rest. Mr. Abraham was afraid the little one had forgotten how to get loose from the mesh, but

he looked away for a moment, and when he looked back, the downy was gone.

One rainy day, Mr. Abraham was amazed to see six Brown-headed Nuthatches land at one time on the oak log marvel feeder. As he watched the birds feeding each other, he realized that he had a nuthatch family and wondered if they were the same ones that nested in his yard. Sounds reasonable to me. Mr. Abraham calls his yard "The Marvel Day-Care System," and I'm sure the birds agree. The adult birds have a nice safe place to nest with marvel mix heaven right outside their door--what better place to raise a family? They will probably spend the winter telling stories about their wonderful summer, and nuthatches from all over will be racing to West Columbia, SC, to set up housekeeping. Perhaps Mr. Abraham should put up more nuthatch houses and rename his yard "Nuthatch Nook."

I'm out of space and time. Please write about "your" birds:

1006 Dogwood Hill Lane
Wake Forest, NC 27587
or call (919) 528-2827.

In The Field

with Simon R. B. Thompson



(This article was written by Patricia Wilkinson of Shelby. If you would like to contribute an article or make suggestions on topics for "In the Field" contact Simon R. B. Thompson, 109 Bradshaw Road, Tryon, NC 28782, Tel. (704) 859-6049.)

In the process of looking further and further afield in a search for evermore "exciting" sightings it is easy to overlook the closer, but no less worthy, birds who have chosen to spend a little time in your area. Discovery of the richness of my own Cleveland County area and the birds that can be enjoyed here was the happy byproduct of my participation in a local shrike survey some two years ago. My sharing this realization with fellow survey participant Simon Thompson prompted his suggestion that other birders might enjoy hearing about my area and gain encouragement to rediscover their own regions.

Cleveland County, North Carolina, is a fairly large district, consisting of approximately 500 square miles of rolling farmland and small towns. South Mountain State Park on its northwest boundary and Kings Mountain State (SC)

Park on the southeast boundary are the places to go for migrating Broad-winged Hawks, Wild Turkeys and ravens.

Deserted cotton gins are home to nesting Barn Owls while the open fields of our dairy farms play host to winter sparrows, Horned Larks, and Water Pipits with Bobolinks stopping in during spring migration.

A man-made lake, Lake Moss, is home for Common Loons in the wintertime and is a place where Double-crested Cormorants and Fish Crows have been spotted from the open, undeveloped areas along the lake's borders. Other water-loving birds choose to linger by the two large rivers which also run through the county. Along their banks, the Wood Duck, Barred Owl, and Red-shouldered Hawk are often in evidence.

In Shelby, the local cemetery is a playground for hordes of migrating warblers while the flat roof of the junior high school is the nesting place for Common Nighthawks. Thus, even when schedules are tight, a quick trip within town yields plenty of viewing opportunities as well as the chance to enrich your appreciation of the area in which you live.

Report From Oriental

Dottie Foy, bird bander of Oriental, NC, reports that while on the way to the local post office on August 6 she discovered a Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) which was a highway accident victim. This is the first encounter with this invader from the south in the Oriental area.

Another bird which seems to have lead a more charmed life is a Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) which she banded February 4, 1987. At that time it

was at least two years old. On August 9, 1992 she recaptured the bird (sex unknown) which means that it is at least 7 years old. This is a longevity record for the United States.

CBC Rare Bird Alert

(704) 332-BIRD

Hummingbird Q & A



by Dottie Foy

What is the correct water to sugar ratio?

...Raleigh, NC

One cup *white* sugar to 4 cups tap water. *Never, never* use honey and *never, never* boil the sugar solution. According to the scientists (Point Reyes Bird Observatory, CA, several authors, Mrs. Ellie Womack, head of the hummingbird banders group of North America, et al.) it is counterproductive to use honey because it produces a fatal fungus infection. It also contains botulism toxins. Boiling the sugar solution after the sugar is put in concentrates the sugar and this can and, boil the water before you add the sugar.

Will feeder contents ever go bad?
...Wilmington, NC

Yes--depending on age. It should be put in the refrigerator after being made, and feeders should be cleaned once a week and new food put in.

How does one stop ants from crawling down to feeders that are hung on wire?

...New Bern, NC

Save the tops of plastic milk jugs, drill a hole through the center and fill it with white petroleum jelly. No ant will ever naviqe through it. Slide it over the wire holding you feeder and position it about 8-10 inches above said feeder.

Where should I place my feeders?
...New Bern, NC

In the shade if possible; otherwise from an overhang, a stand or a tree branch. This depends on how much time you have to watch them.

Send your hummingbird question to Mrs. Dorothy J. Foy, PO Box 457, Oriental, NC 28571.

Membership Application and Order Form

Name_____ Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Tel. ()_____ ()_____
(home) (business)

Enter/Renew Membership As Indicated

Send Materials Indicated

____ Individual (\$12)	____ Life (\$200)	____ CBC Cloth arm patch \$1.50 ea., \$1.25 ea. in quantity
____ Family (\$15)	____ Patron (\$50)	____ CBC Decals (water type) 75c ea., 50c ea. in quantity
____ Student (\$6)		____ Daily Checklists 10/\$1.00, 25/\$1.25, 50/\$2.50, 75/\$3.75
____ Affiliate Club (\$15)		100/\$5.00
____ Library/Institution (\$15)	Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club, Inc. and mail to PO Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611	

Registration Form

CBC Special Field Trips

Name(s)_____

(list each participant)

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for the following field trips: ____ Bird Banding Demonstration II, October 4 (\$5) ____ Amazonian Ecuador, Feb. 12-21, 1993 (\$150 deposit). I have called the appropriate trip leader to ensure that space is available.

Mail with check to Carolina Bird Club, Inc., PO Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611

Comfort Inn Reservation Form

Carolina Bird Club

Fall Meeting, September 25-27, 1992

Name_____ Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Rooms (up to 4 persons) \$40.00 plus tax.

Please reserve ____ room(s) at \$40.00 per night. My check for the first night's lodging is enclosed. I will arrive _____ and depart_____.

Mail with deposit to Comfort Inn-Executive Center, 151 South College Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403 or call 1-800-221-2222

Registration Form

CBC Fall Meeting, September 25-27, 1992

Name(s)_____

(list each name for name tags)

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for ____ member registrations at \$4 each and ____ nonmember registrations at \$5 each. Registration at meeting will be \$5 for members and \$6 for nonmembers.

Mail with check to Carolina Bird Club, Inc., PO Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611

Welcome New Members

John C. Arvin
Austin, TX

Tom Augspurger
Raleigh, NC

Sam & Elaine Branson
Thomasville, NC

Theodore T. Buerger
Central, SC

Jeff Curtis
Asheville, NC

Pamela Hawkins
Columbia, SC

J. B. & Myra Hines
Chesnee, SC

David & Laurie Joslin
Greensboro, NC

Elizabeth P. Kanof, M.D.
Raleigh, NC

Johnnie & Peggy King
Lydia, SC

J. Drew Lanham
Seneca, SC

John & Joan Little
Raleigh, NC

Eric McFalls
Greenville, SC

Donald M. McLean
Knoxville, TN

M/M Fred Mills
Brevard, NC

M. A. Moore, Jr.
Tarboro, NC

Spencer R. Mortensen
Pendleton, SC

Janice Siler
Raleigh, NC

Susan L. Tank
Central, SC



Chip Notes

Dennis Forsythe, Charleston, SC, sent a report on two OBServ Tours which he led this year. The "Lake Erie Migration Trap Weekend" May 14-17, 1992 produced 136 species including Black-billed Cuckoo, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Western Meadowlark and Yellow-headed Blackbird.

The "Southeastern Arizona Fiesta" July 10-18, 1992 was even more productive with 184 species. The list of those foreign to the Carolinas is too long to include, but Elf Owl, Elegant Trogon,

Eared Trogon, Green Kingfisher, Grace's Warbler, Red-faced Warbler, and Painted Redstart would probably add to most of our life lists.

M/M Don Gerdes, Asheville, NC, passed along an article from the Asheville Citizen-Times July 19, 1992, on the opening of The Compleat Naturalist, a nature shop in Biltmore Village. The shop is owned by Laura and Hal Mahan who want to help people in their desire to reconnect with nature.

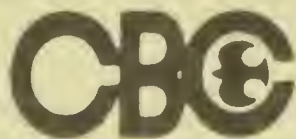
Hal Mahan was trained as an

ornithologist and has taught on the college level and been director of two major museums of natural history. Mrs. Mahan has a master's degree in biology for UNC-Charlotte and has worked for a variety of museums and educational organizations.

The Mahans offer implements and expertise for almost any area of nature: bird watching, geology, rocks and minerals, weather, astronomy, gold panning, insects, etc. "We're trying to cover every aspect of nature in this store," Mahan said. "This is not just another gift shop. We see a real synergy between selling and teaching about nature."

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